

**Minutes of the Executive Committee**  
**Monday, April 3, 2006**

Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** County Board Supervisors Jim Dwyer (Chair), Pat Haukohl, Duane Paulson, Walter Kolb, Dick Manke, Bill Mitchell, Duane Stamsta.

**Also Present:** Director of Public Works Rich Bolte, Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta, Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha, Supervisor Rodell Singert.

**Correspondence**

Dwyer distributed and reviewed the list of correspondence. He said Supervisors should request copies of the listed items from Jicha.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 160-O-134: Modify Use of Planning Funds for Justice Facility Phase II Project**

MOTION: Mitchell moved, Haukohl second, to approve 160-O-134.

Bolte said estimates for Phase II of the new courts facility were initially estimated at \$14 million. The recent estimates for project with the same scope are estimated at \$24.5 million. Members of the Court Facility work group would like to look at less costly operating and design modification alternatives that could be made to meet security and circulation objectives in the existing courthouse for the next ten to 15 years. Justice Facility Phase I project #200108 designated \$250,000 for the planning and design of Phase II of which \$200,000 remains. This ordinance approves the use of up to \$200,000 previously designated for Phase II planning and design in project #200108 Justice Facility Project Phase I be used to study the feasibility of alternative options.

Cerreta exhibited and explained courthouse/jail sketches showing possible retrofit “improvements.” This ordinance allows us to investigate our options. Cerreta reviewed plans to use the entire third floor of the courthouse including the county boardroom and portions of the roof. This option would allow for the entire third floor to be secure. When the roof was built, it was designed for expansion. Next Cerreta reviewed the proposed second intake court on the ground floor of the main jail, which could possibly put off building a new building for ten to 15 years.

Dwyer asked with this option, where would the county board meet? Cerreta said they would meet in room C187 by the CB offices. Cerreta showed the committee drawings of this concept.

Esler said at a meeting of the Court Facility work group the concept was to go with an RFP for a Blue Sky concept. When we go for an RFP are we looking for someone to do the engineering? Are we looking for someone who will work with this option only? What are we looking for in an RFP? Bolte said yes, the Kimme option and this option. There’s another option we haven’t looked at and that is to build a corridor on the outside of the facility. This option doesn’t make a lot of sense.

Dwyer said the money in this ordinance would pay to bring in someone new and fresh. Have you looked at any other options? Cerreta said if someone has an idea, we’ve looked at it.

Stamsta said the ordinance says to study the feasibility of alternative options. Are these the options? Bolte said yes. Cerreta wants to find out if these options made sense.

Paulson asked is this a stopgap measure? Are you prepared to say we'll spend \$12 million on this plan and not let the original plan be developed? Bolte said there are a few competing interests, one of which is cost. If the taxpayers' amendment is passed by the time we are able to build this, he doesn't know where the county will come up with the money.

Manke said we had a plan and now we're looking at a new plan. Why didn't we think about this before we developed the other plan? Bolte said one of the things in play here is a new administration. We need Vrakas to present his vision to the board during the capital project cycle this year. His vision has to be in agreement with any plan. Bolte said assuming the services will cost more than \$50K we will need to do an RFP. He expects to have these results by June 2006.

Stamsta asked if we should call this the Cerreta Concept? Bolte said the name of the project should be the retrofit.

Dwyer asked during this process you are going to go through is to find an outside engineer, will they be looking at the issues and coming up with new ideas? Bolte said the engineers will fine tune Cerreta's plan. Having engineers redesign the area is not a good use of money. It would take too much time to bring the engineers up to speed. The judges want a sixth criminal court designed for when the state brings in an additional judge.

Manke asked what will happen to the Kimme plan? Cerreta said when we're done with this it may be as expensive as the original plan. Dwyer asked if the price of this addition were similar to a new building, why wouldn't we just build a new building?

Esler is concerned with the depth of the RFP. Don't we have a year to get the results done? We have the assumption that nothing will happen in 2007. Esler said the Court Facility work group decided nothing would happen in 2007. Cerreta said the costs need to be updated. The current plan needs to be looked at because the judges find it unacceptable. We will need an architect, engineer and someone else to put the numbers together.

Paulson asked what is the life expectancy of a new building? Cerreta said 50 years. Paulson said it doesn't make sense to spend money for an addition and then spend again in ten to 15 years to build a new building. Bolte said he's trying to come up with a plan that everyone will coalesce around. The last time the capital plan was approved the board didn't approve this plan.

Manke asked what's going to happen after next November's election? What if someone more conservative is voted into office and doesn't want this addition? Somewhere along the line we have to make a decision and stick with it.

Esler said he is puzzled with the future of this project. He thought Phase II was moved back in the plan. He's concerned there will be a rush to judgment without a comparison of options A and B including the costs of staging and prisoner movement loaded into the plans. What are the ongoing costs of staff and prisoner movement for the 15 years the plan is in use? Can HVAC be run to the third floor addition? Where will you move people and staff during the construction? He doesn't think the analyses will be done by June 2006.

Kolb said it is a feasibility plan and should be looked into. Stamsta said this study will give us an alternative for construction, operational costs and usage plans.

Dwyer asked why do you need \$200K? Bolte said he doesn't know if he needs that much money.

Esler asked where's the money for this project coming from? The ordinance did not include a fiscal note. From discussions he has had with Linda Witkowski he learned the \$200K is coming from the jail project. Esler said he asked Witkowski where the money is coming from since it appeared the budget for the jail project was used up. Esler said it was explained to him that in 2000 and 2001, we had a combined project with concept money in the budget. When the projects were divided, there was money put into concept and design from phase I of the plan plan. Bolte said project #200326 has money for design and concept.

Cerreta said the money was in the jail project. Bolte said the Department of Administration wrote the ordinance. Esler said the account number is the original jail project number. Bolte said we'll clarify the project number for the committee.

Motion carried 6-1 (Manke voted no).

**Discuss and Consider 160-A-031: Appointment of Michael Becker as an alternate member to the Ethics Board**

MOTION: Paulson moved, Mitchell second, to approve Appointment 160-A-031. Motion carried 7-0.

**Motion to Allow Secretary Walter Kolb to Approve the Final Set(s) of Committee Minutes on Behalf of the Executive Committee**

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Mitchell second, to allow Secretary Walter Kolb to Approve the Final Set(s) of Committee Minutes on Behalf of the Executive Committee. Motion carried: 7-0.

**Committee Reports by Committee Chairs for the Following Meetings:**

March 30, 2006 – Public Works – Manke said the committee discussed future agenda items for the next Public Works Committee and the outcome of the March 27<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee's discussion about the Waukesha west by-pass.

March 30, 2006 – Health and Human Services – Stamsta said the committee reviewed the AODA Advisory and Children & Family Advisory Committees needs lists, OWI assessment charge increases and performance standards for governance boards.

March 31, 2006 – Judiciary and Law Enforcement – Mitchell said the committee discussed the audit of the Sheriff's Department cash handling procedures, the APCO report and Ordinance 160-O-141 regarding the signing bonus for a new employee in the Medical Examiner's Office.

MOTION: Manke moved, Stamsta second, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter L. Kolb  
Secretary